



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	SB0135	Title:	Revise insure Montana program
Primary Sponsor:	Larsen, Cliff	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact:

The bill clarifies some eligibility parameters in the Insure Montana program. This fiscal note assumes that any savings generated by the clarifications be redirected towards other applicant business currently on the waiting list for coverage.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- 33-22-2004(2)(g), MCA, currently allows program administrators to move funds from the tax credit program to the purchasing pool program if appropriate.
- 33-22-2006(2), MCA, tightens eligibility income restrictions when the business owner earns \$75,000 or greater annually. This would generate a savings of approximately \$37,517 annually (10 purchasing pool and 10 tax credit) however the savings would be used to add new businesses from the waiting list to the program.
- 33-22-2006(3), MCA, ensures there is no duplication of benefits with other public programs by requiring applicants and participants in the program apply for and accept federally-funded health insurance assistance such as Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP as a prior resource to Insure Montana assistance. A savings of approximately \$660,852 annually would be used to add new businesses to the program.
 - Approximately 1,088 members with children; with 487 below 250% of federal poverty and eligible for CHIP/Medicaid with the Healthy Kids Initiative increase in the poverty level.
 - Potential children is computed as 487 members times 1.3 children per member (633).

- The average increase in Insure Montana premium assistance per child for low income members is \$87.
 - The Savings to move 633 children to CHIP/Medicaid is \$55,071 monthly or \$660,852 annually which could potentially add approximately 85 businesses to the program.
4. 33-22-2007(1)(b), MCA, allow businesses on the purchasing pool waiting list to purchase group health coverage that is not considered “creditable coverage” to remain eligible for the program when funds become available.

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